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In re patent application of

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2002, Applicants hereby elect without traverse, Group I, comprising claims 1-5, 8, and 9, for prosecution in the subject application. Applicants elect the polynucleotide sequence disclosed in SEQ ID NO. 1 and the polypeptide sequence disclosed in SEQ ID NO. 2.

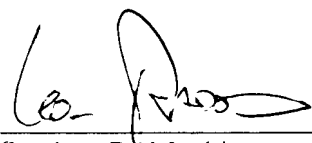
Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of an initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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